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Notice of Availability; Evaluation of Dredged Material Proposed
for Discharge in Waters of the U.S.--Testing Manual

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability; Evaluation of Dredged Material Proposed
for Discharge in Waters of the U.S.--Testing Manual.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the final testing manual entitled Evaluation of Dredged Material Proposed for Discharge in Waters of the U.S.--Testing Manual. This document is commonly referred to as the Inland Testing Manual (ITM). The ITM was prepared by an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)/Corps of Engineers (CE) workgroup comprised of individuals from headquarters, field offices, and research laboratories of both agencies with scientific and/or programmatic expertise related to dredged material discharge activities.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the ITM can be obtained by contacting: Mr. Thomas Patin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Waterways Experiment Station, 390 Halls Ferry Road, Vicksburg, MS 39180-6199. The ITM is also available on the Internet from EPA's web site ``http://www.epa.gov/OST/``, or from the Corps Dredging Operations Technical Support home page at ``http://www.wes.army.mil/el/dots/``.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Kravitz, Mail Code 4305, Office of Science and Technology, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460 (telephone: 202-260-8085); or Kirk Stark, Regulatory Branch, CECW-OR, Office of the Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 20 Massachusetts Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20314 (telephone: 202-761-1786).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA issued a notice of availability and

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request for comment on the draft dredged material testing manual in the July 21, 1994, Federal Register [FRL-5017-5]. Copies of the draft Inland Testing Manual (ITM) were sent to federal and state agencies, port authorities, environmental organizations, and other interested parties. Public meetings were also held in 1994 to discuss the document in Boston, MA, Arlington, VA, Atlanta, GA, San Jose, CA, Seattle, WA, Chicago, IL, St. Louis, MO, and Houston, TX. Comments received through the public review process, including those from EPA's Science Advisory Board, were used to shape the final document. Individual comments were grouped into "general" and "specific" categories, and reviewed by the EPA/CE Workgroup that prepared the draft ITM. A copy of the comments, and EPA's response, is available for review at EPA's Water Docket under docket number W-98-04. Docket materials may be reviewed from 9 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. For access to docket materials, please call 202/260-3027 to schedule an appointment.

Tudor T. Davies,
Director, Office of Science and Technology.
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